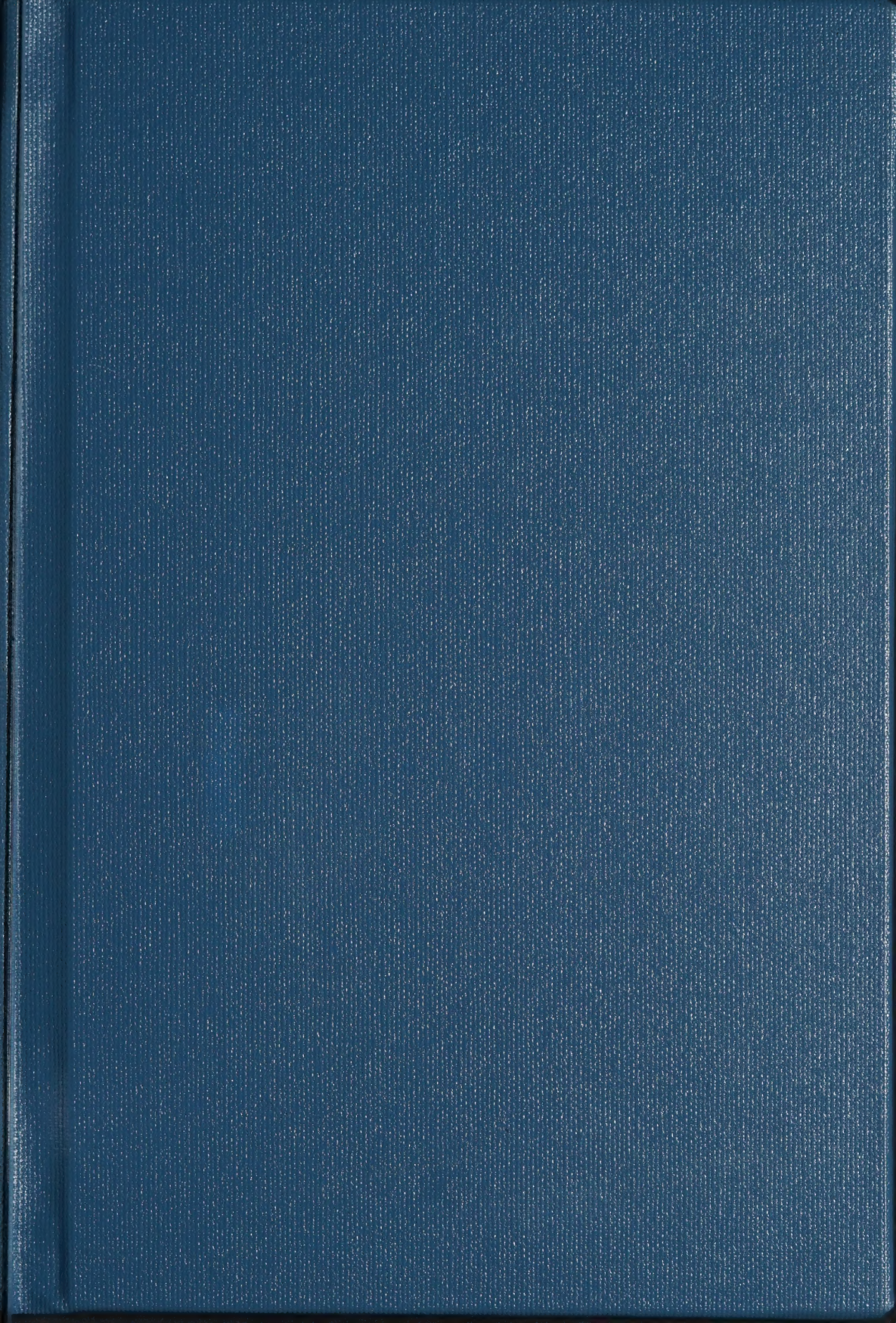
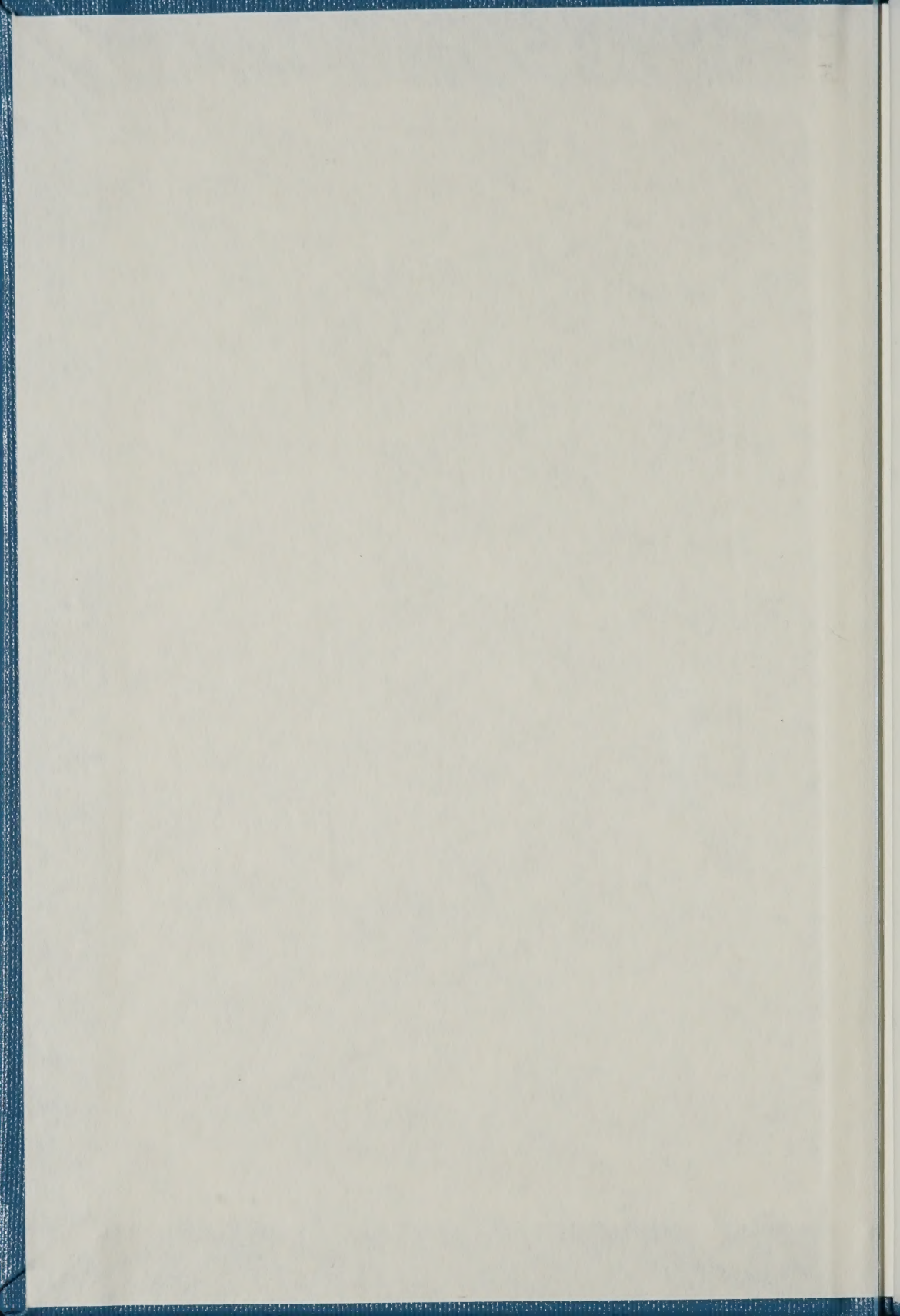






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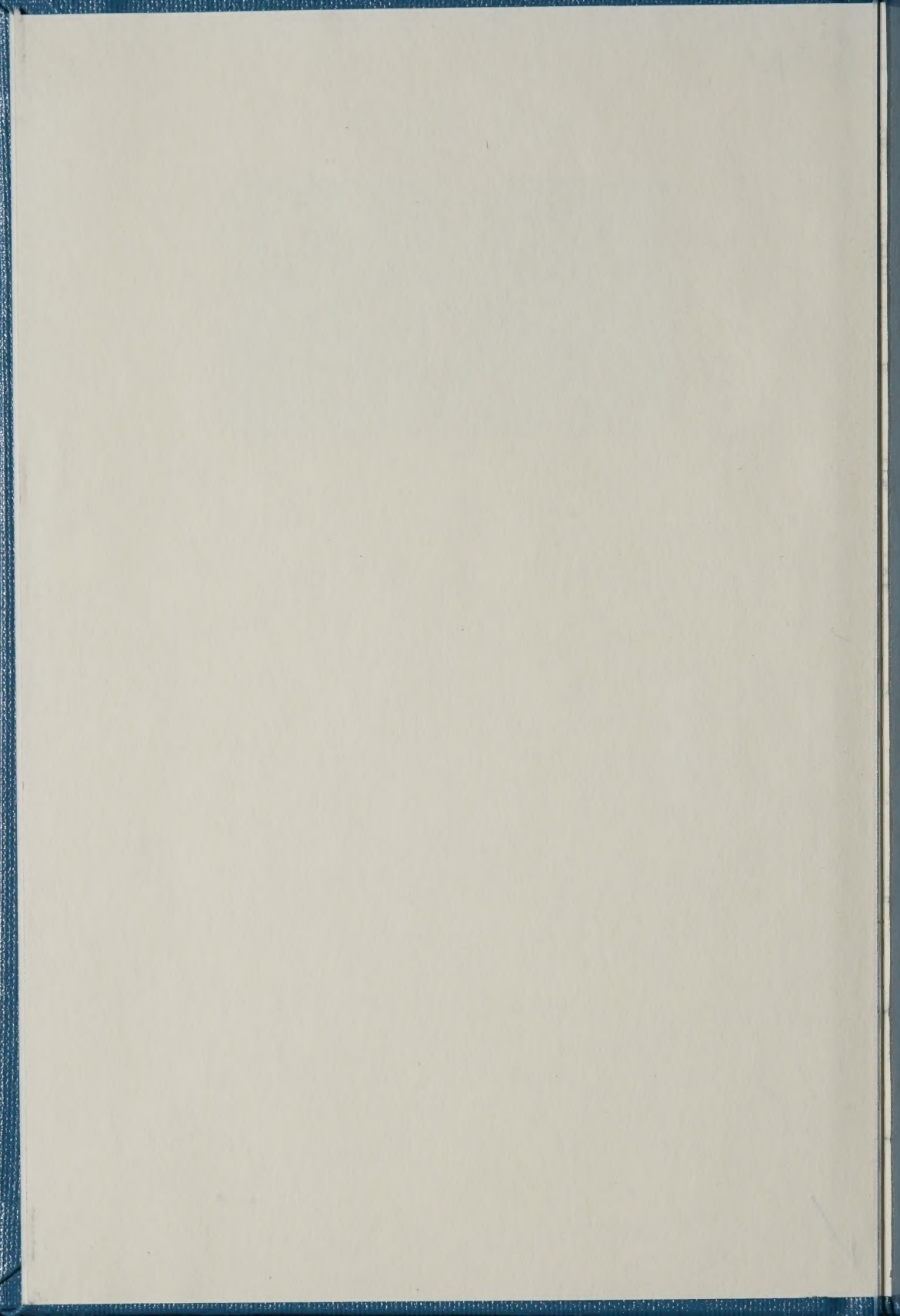
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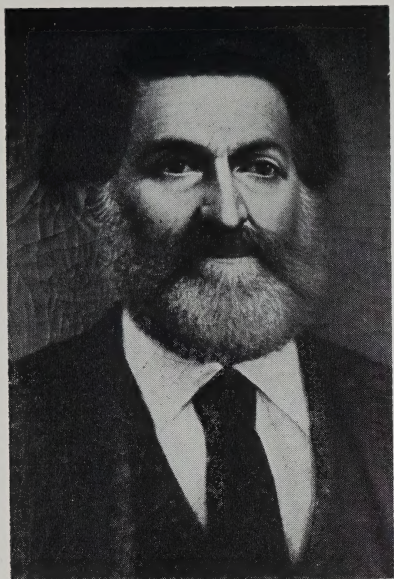
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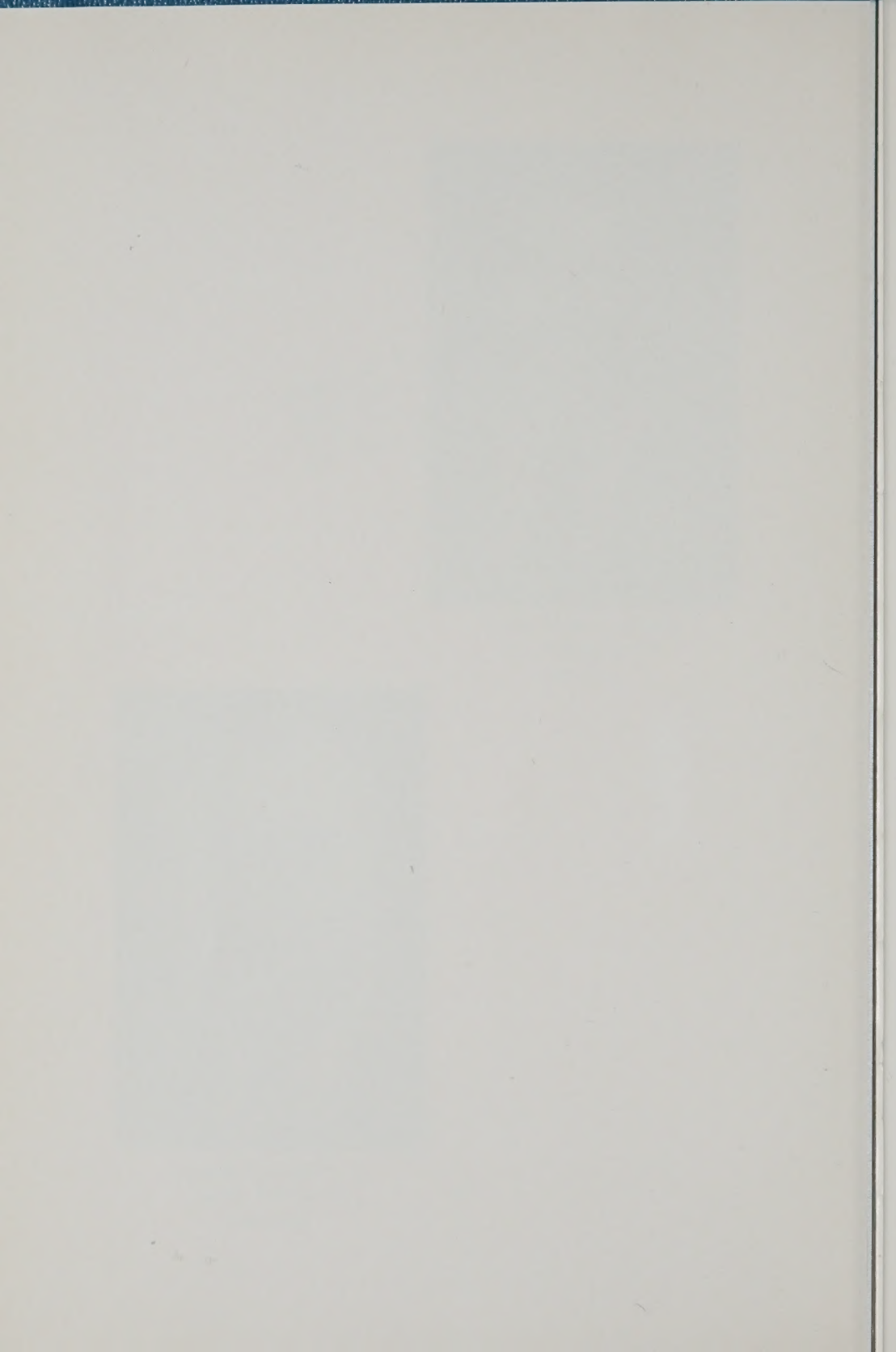
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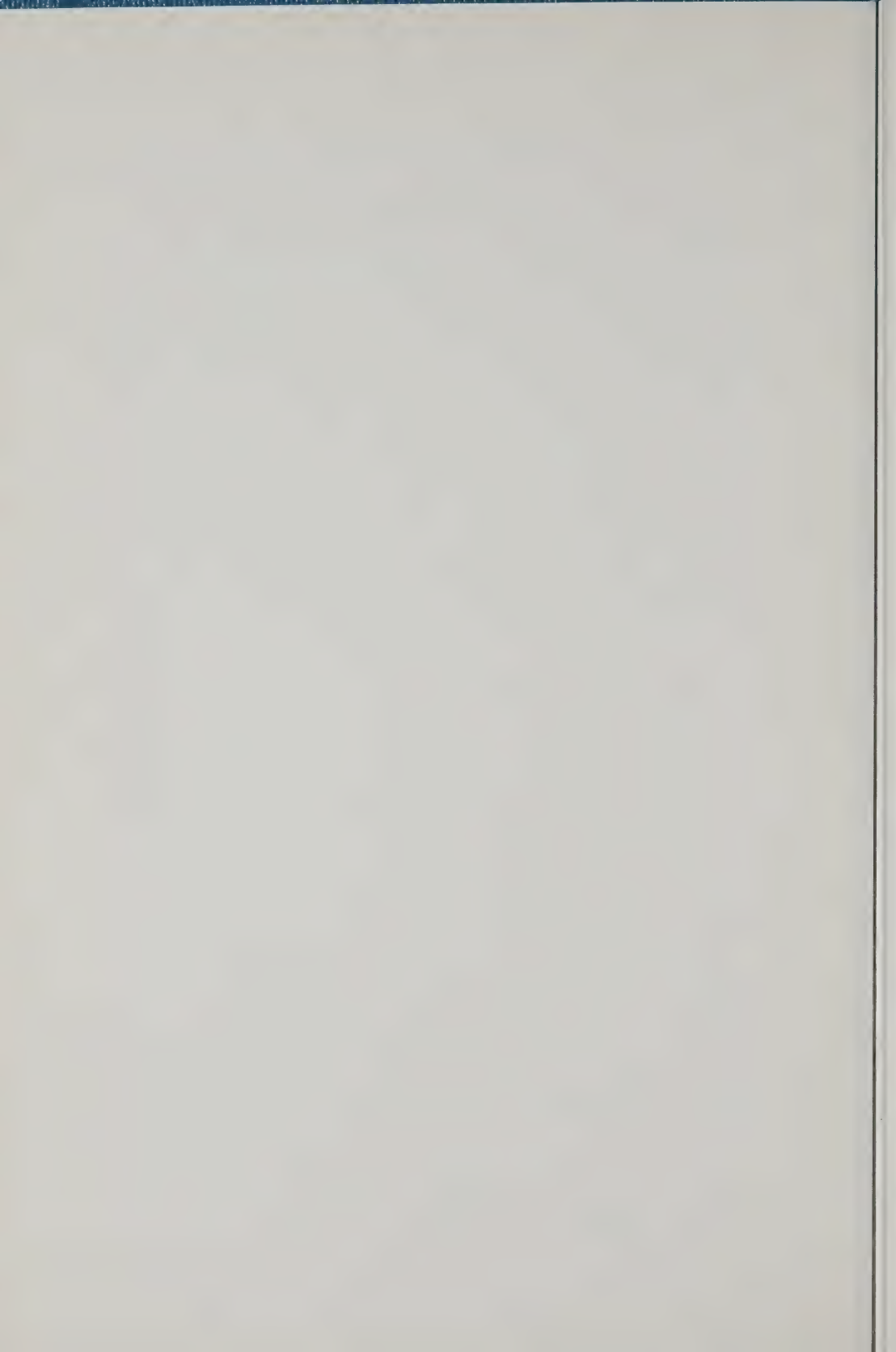
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1905-06	J. W. Batts	1930-31	O. O. Henderson
1906-07	*George Grupe	1931-32	W. K. Gibbs
1907-08	*W. F. Gibbs	1932-33	A. L. Darnell
1908-09	*O. E. Saunders	1933-34	M. M. Erskine
1909-10	*H. G. Rhodes	1934-35	*J. O. Peebles
1910-11	*W. S. Wilson, Jr.	1935-36	Ivan Langford
1911-12	J. D. Martin	1936-37	M. H. Byrom
1912-13	*A. L. Mondrick	1937-38	F. R. Jones
1913-14	*T. A. Adams	1938-39	*S. C. Hoyle, Sr.
1914-15	*C. M. Bell	1939-40	J. F. Fudge
1915-16	*J. B. Priddy	1940-41	E. J. Howell
1916-17	W. F. Davis	1941-42	H. L. Boyer
1917-18	*R. S. Astin	1942-43	R. M. Searcy
1918-19	C. L. Durst	1943-44	J. D. Benson
1919-20	J. D. Martin	1944-45	C. K. Leighton
1920-21	*G. L. Smart	1945-46	T. F. Carson
1921-22	*Roy Hudspeth	1946-47	A. B. Syptak
1922-23	W. W. Kraft	1947-48	C. E. Nisbet
1923-24	†H. E. Randolph	1948-49	*D. W. Fairman
1924-25	J. W. Hall	1949-50	Arvil F. Carson
1925-26	R. W. Downard	1950-51	W. C. Higgs
1926-27	*S. C. Hoyle, Sr.	1951-52	G. B. Vance
1927-28	*C. A. Searcy	1952-53	Walace H. Byars
1928-29	J. W. Payne	1953-54	H. Chester Jones, Present Master

*Deceased.

†Not now a member.



FREEMASONRY IN TEXAS

A Reminiscence of Its Early History

In preparing this brief history of Brazos Union Lodge, it is deemed appropriate to reminisce on the early history of Freemasonry in Texas, which is not only interesting but portrays the struggles of most Lodges organized in the early days. Therefore, I quote from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, December A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

“As I took an active part in laying the first foundations of Freemasonry in this country, originated, and was personally present at the first meeting ever held here, and cognizant of the earliest steps taken for the organization of a Lodge, I place upon record the following facts, which may be of interest perhaps to the fraternity hereafter, and would otherwise be lost, as I am now the only one living of the five Brethren who originated Holland Lodge.

“In the winter of 1834-35, five Master Masons, who had made themselves known to each other, consulted among themselves, and after various interviews and much deliberation, resolved to take measures to establish a Lodge of their Order in Texas. This resolution was not formed without a full appreciation of its consequences to the individuals concerned. Every movement in Texas was watched at that time with jealousy and distrust by the Mexican Government, and already had its spies and emissaries denounce some of our best citizens as factionists and disaffected persons; already were the future intended victims of a despotic power being selected. It was well known that Freemasonry was particularly odious to the Catholic priesthood, whose influence in the country at that time was all-powerful. The dangers, therefore, attendant upon an organization of Masons, at this time which was ‘trying men’s souls,’ were neither few nor unimportant. But zeal for a beloved Institution, a belief that it would be beneficial at a period when society seemed especially to need some fraternal bonds to unite them together, predominated; all fears of personal consequences were thrown aside, and the resolution to establish a Lodge, as above mentioned, was adopted. The five Brethren were John H. Wharton, Asa Brigham, James A. E. Phelps, Alexander Russell, and Anson Jones, and they appointed a time and place of meeting to concert measures to carry their resolution into effect. In the meantime another Master Mason came into their plans,—Bro. J. P. Caldwell. The place of meet-

ing was back of the town of Brazoria, near the place known as General John Austin's, in a little grove of wild peach or laurel, and which had been selected as a family burying ground by that distinguished soldier and citizen. The spot was secluded and out of the way of 'cowans and eavesdroppers,' and they felt they were alone. Here, and under such circumstances, at 10 o'clock in the morning of a day in May, 1835, was held the first formal Masonic meeting in Texas as connected with the establishment and continuance of Masonry in this country. The six Brethren I have mentioned were all present there; and it was concluded to apply to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for a Dispensation to form and open a Lodge, to be called Holland Lodge, in honor of the then M. W. Grand Master of that body, J. H. Holland. The funds were raised by a contribution to defray the expenses, to which each contributed as he felt willing and able. A petition was in due time drawn up and signed by them, which was forwarded to New Orleans, having been previously signed by another Master Mason, Bro. W. D. C. Hall, and perhaps one or two more; but of this I do not recollect. The officers named in the petition were: For W. M., Anson Jones; S. W., Asa Brigham; J. W., J. P. Caldwell, who filled those offices respectively until the close of 1837. The Dispensation was granted, after some delay, to these Brethren, and Holland Lodge No. 36, U. D., was instituted and opened at Brazoria, on the 27th of December, 1835. Bro. Phelps was chosen Treasurer, and M. C. Patton, Secretary; the other officers I do not recollect. The Lodge held its meeting at Barzoria, in the second story of the old courthouse, which room was afterwards occupied by St. John's Lodge No. 5. About this time the difficulties with Mexico broke out into open hostilities, and our work was very much retarded by that circumstance, and by the members having to be absent in the service of the country. Still, there were a few others from time to time introduced into the Order, either by receiving the Degrees or by affiliation. The Lodge struggled on until February, 1836, when I presided over its last meeting at Brazoria. I well recollect the night, and the fact that Brother Fannin, who one month after became so celebrated for his misfortunes and those of his unfortunate party at Goliad, acted as Senior Deacon. It seemed indeed that the gloom which prevailed in the Lodge that night was a foreshadowing of its and their unhappy fate, which was soon to overtake both.

"In March, Brazoria was abandoned. URREA soon after took possession of the place at the head of a detachment of the Mexican army, and the records, books, jewels, and everything

belonging to the Lodge, were utterly destroyed by them, and our members were scattered in every direction. Brothers Wharton, Phelps and myself joined the Texian troops on the Colorado, about the 18th of March. In the meantime, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana had issued a Charter for Holland Lodge No. 36, and it was brought over to Texas by Bro. John M. Allen. This, together with some letters from the Grand Secretary, was handed to me by Brother Allen, on the prairie between Groce's and San Jacinto, while we were on the march, and carried by me in my saddle-bags to the encampment of the army on Buffalo Bayou, at Lynchburg. Had we been beaten here, Santa Anna would have captured the Charter of Holland Lodge at San Jacinto, as Urrea had the Dispensation for it at Brazoria. Such an event, however, was impossible. The Charter and papers were taken safely to Brazoria; but, as the members had been lessened in numbers by death, or scattered in the army and elsewhere in the service of the country, no attempt was ever made to revive the work of the Lodge at that place.

"In October, 1837, however, it was reopened by myself and others, at the city of Houston, having then been in existence about two years.

"In the meantime two other Lodges, with Charters from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, were established in Texas,—Milam, at Nacogdoches, and McFarland, at San Augustine. Delegates from these, and from Holland Lodge of the Republic was formed. By advice and direction of this body, the three subordinate Lodges transferred their allegiance from Louisiana to their own Grand Lodge, surrendered their Charters to Louisiana, and received others from Texas; and Holland Lodge No. 36 under the former, became Holland Lodge No. 1, under the Grand Lodge of the Lone Star Republic. By this course, the causes of the many difficulties which have afflicted so many of the Grand Lodges of the United States were considered and obviated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

"Holland Lodge No. 36 was the only one established in Texas prior to the Revolution which separated her from Mexico.

"Such is a brief but faithful sketch of the first establishment of Freemasonry in Texas. It was founded, like our political institutions, amid the stern concomitants of adversity and war, but its foundations were laid broad and deep; and upon them has been raised a superstructure of strength and beauty, symmetrical in its proportions and vast in its dimensions, which I trust will rise and continue as a beacon to guide and cheer worthy Masons on their journey of life, and against which the wasting storms

of time shall beat in vain, and the restless waves of persecution dash themselves to destruction in angry foam; while the presiding genius of the Institution, from its lofty walls, shall ever continue to exclaim in emphatic tones, to be heard by all,—East, West, North, and South,—*Procul! O procul! este profani! Tu que invade viam.* ‘Far hence, ye profane! Welcome, ye initiated, to these glorious courts! Tread ye them aright!’”

Since the war with Mexico has been mentioned in the early history of Masonry, the following incident in the capture of Santa Anna is given by Bro. F. R. Collard, a former member of Wheelock Lodge, Brazos County, who is a physician and now lives in Wichita Falls. He states: “My grandfather, David Hall Love, by order of General Sam Houston, was placed in command of a detail of Texans to go out and capture the fleeing Mexican soldiers around San Jacinto who were hiding in the swamps. Brother Love had in his detail about 20 men and they captured and disarmed 230 Mexicans. One of the men captured was richly clad, mounted on a fine horse, and his soldiers saluted him as ‘El Presidente.’ Rifles were aimed at this party, but Brother Love gave orders not to fire; because at this instant Santa Anna let it be known that he was a Mason. Brother Love, therefore, saved his life and took him to General Sam Houston.” The rest of this story is a matter of history. David Hall Love was also the grandfather of A. C. Love, a former member of our Lodge.

Another interesting document from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge is the organization of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

City of Houston, December 20, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

CONVENTION OF MASTER MASONS

In pursuance of an invitation from Holland Lodge No. 36, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held at the city of Houston, by virtue of a Charter from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, addressed to the different Lodges in the Republic of Texas, a Convention of Masons was held in the Senate Chamber this day at three o'clock P. M.

On motion, Brother Sam Houston was called to the chair, and Bro. Anson Jones appointed Secretary.

The following delegates presented their credentials and took their seats:

From Holland Lodge No. 36, held at the city of Houston—Bros. Sam Houston, Anson Jones, Jeff Wright and Thos. G. Western.

From Milam Lodge No. 40, held at the town of Nacogdoches—Bros. Thos. J. Rusk, I. W. Burton, Chas. S. Taylor, Adolphus Sterne and K. H. Douglass.

From McFarland Lodge No. 41, held at the town of St. Augustine, a verbal communication was received through Brother Sterne, authorizing the Convention, when met, to appoint a delegate from that Lodge. Brother Winchell was accordingly appointed, who appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Bro. Anson Jones, it was:

“Resolved, That the several Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the Republic of Texas, now represented in General Convention by Delegates properly authorized, consider it a matter of right, and for the general benefit of the Order, that they should form and organize themselves into a Grand Lodge within said Republic, and that they now proceed to organize themselves into a Grand Lodge accordingly, by the name of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, and the Masonic jurisdiction there unto belonging.”

On motion of Bro. A. Sterne, it was:

“Resolved, That all Master Masons present, who are members of regular Lodges, be, and they are hereby, constituted members of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas.”

The following Brethren, in addition to the Delegates, being present, were accordingly constituted members of the Grand Lodge:

Bros. A. S. Thruston, Jno. S. Black, Wm. G. Cooke, Andrew Neill, and John Shea.

On further motion, duly seconded, the following Brethren were also constituted members of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas:

Bros. Henry Matthews, Ben Miller, Hy. Millard, E. Tucker, T. J. Hardeman, W. F. Gray, Lytleton Fowler, Christopher Dart, W. R. Underwood, Asa Brigham, D. T. Fitchett, and Thos. J. Gazley.

On motion of Bro. A. Sterne, it was:

“Resolved, That we now proceed to organize the M. W. L. Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas by the election of

M.'.W.'.Grand Master, R.'.W.'.Deputy Grand Master, Rt.'.W.'. Sen. Grand Warden, Rt.'.W.'.Jun. Grand Warden, Rt.'.W.'. Grand Treasurer, Rt.'.W.'.Grand Secretary, and that the other Grand Officers be appointed at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge."

The Convention then proceeded to an election of officers of the Grand Lodge, when the following Brethren were duly chosen:

Bro. Anson Jones, M.'.W.'.Grand Master.
Adolphus Sterne, Rt.'.W.'.Deputy Grand Master.
Jefferson Wright, Rt.'.W.'.Sen. Grand Warden.
Christopher Dart, Rt.'.W.'.Jun. Grand Warden.
G. H. Winchell, Rt.'.W.'.Grand Secretary.
Thos. G. Western, Rt.'.W.'.Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. J. Wright, it was:

"Resolved, That, for the present government of this Grand Lodge, we adopt the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana so far as it is applicable to our situation."

On motion of Bro. Anson Jones, it was:

"Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to draft a form of Constitution for this Grand Lodge."

The President then appointed the following Brethren to compose said Committee:

Bros. Jefferson Wright and A. S. Thruston, of Holland Lodge; Bros. I. W. Burton and K. H. Douglass, of Milam Lodge; Bros. G. H. Winchell and Christopher Dart, of McFarland Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Anson Jones, it was:

"Resolved, That the first meeting of this Grand Lodge shall be held at the City of Houston, on the third Monday in April next."

On motion, it was:

"Resolved, That an extract of the proceedings of this Convention be published in the "Telegraph."

On motion of Bro. A. S. Thruston, the Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

SAM HOUSTON,
President.

ANSON JONES,
Secretary of the Convention.

Thus we have the beginning of Freemasonry in Texas, including the organization of the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is indeed interesting to observe that the first President of the Republic of Texas, General Sam Houston, was a Mason and took an active part in the organization of the Grand Lodge. It is also extremely interesting to note that the immortal Fannin acted as Senior Deacon in the first Lodge organized in Texas, the night before his enlistment in the army.

Brazos Union Lodge Is Organized

Brazos Union Lodge was organized in Booneville, Texas, which was the county seat of Brazos County, located about three miles east of the present county seat, Bryan.

Booneville Lodge No. 55 received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Texas in January, 1849, after a few months working under Dispensation. At this same meeting of the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, the name of this Lodge was changed from Booneville Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., to Gillespie Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M. A short time after this, the Lodge moved into a community close to Wheelock as a number of its members lived there. Later this Lodge was merged with Hemphill Lodge No. 452, Wheelock, Texas.

With the consent and recommendation of Gillespie Lodge No. 55, the following Brethren: Harvey Mitchell, E. M. Millican, James M. Price, Wm. C. Boyes, William Reed, Robert Johnson, James I. Bowman, C. C. Seale, H. R. Henry, John Fullerton, Henry Fullerton, and William Lawrence, made application to the Grand Lodge of Texas for a warrant authorizing them to organize a new Masonic Lodge in the town of Booneville.

This application was presented through Rt. Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Francis L. Barziza of the fourth Masonic District, December 7, 1852, who granted the Dispensation on the same day. By virtue of this authority the Brethren then assembled in their temporary Lodge room at Booneville and opened a Master Masons Lodge with the following acting officers:

Francis L. Barziza.....	W. M.	P. T.
W. M. McFarland.....	S. W.	P. T.
John Fullerton	J. W.	P. T.
H. Mitchell	S. D.	P. T.
James I. Bowman	Tiler	P. T.

Whereupon the aforesaid Dispensation being read in open Lodge and the Brethren therein named being presented to the Worshipful Master, they were constituted and formed into a regular Lodge to be called Brazos Union Lodge No. .

The R. W. Francis L. Barziza, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Texas, then proceeded to install the first duly elected officers of Brazos Union Lodge No. , as follows:

Harvey Mitchell	W. M.
Wilson Reed.....	S. W.
E. M. Millican.....	J. W.
C. C. Seale.....	Treas.
Robert Johnson	Secy.
Wm. C. Boyles.....	S. D.
James M. Price.....	Tiler

The first petition was then read and received, which was made by Mr. George Higgs.

The second meeting was held on December 25, 1852, at which time Mr. George Higgs was elected to receive the first degree in Masonry. The Lodge was not closed but "called off" until the next Monday night, December 27, at which time Mr. George Higgs received the E. A. Degree. The Lodge was then "called off" until the next Monday night, January 3, 1853, at which time Brother Higgs received the F. C. and and M. M. Degrees. Brother George Higgs thus became the first new member and the first applicant of Brazos Union Lodge U. D. The Lodge was opened on Dec. 25, 1852, and not closed until Jan. 3, 1853, during which time George Higgs received the three degrees in Masonry. Special authority had been granted by the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master.

Incidentally, George Higgs, the first applicant and first member of our newly organized Lodge, was the great grandfather of Chester Higgs, Chairman of our Centennial Committee.

The third meeting was held on April 23, 1853, at which time a letter was read from the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Upshaw. He enclosed the Dispensation and informed the Brethren that officers working under dispensation could not be installed; that only chartered Lodges could install officers.

The Lodge at its meeting in Booneville on December 10, 1853, entered into a contract with Bro. John Wilson for the erection of a suitable building. The said Wilson agreed to build the house as soon as the material could be furnished at the lowest cost prices of the county per square and to wait for payment until the Lodge should be able to pay him free of interest. Bros. C. N. Atwood, Robert Johnson, and J. C. Johnson were appointed as a Building Committee, whose duty was to draft a suitable plan for a house, make an estimate of its cost, solicit contributions and report at each meeting.

Brazos Union Lodge No. 129 received its regular authorized Charter dated the 21st day of January, 1854, after having worked under Dispensation for slightly over one year.

HARVEY MITCHELL

First Worshipful Master

The first Worshipful Master of Brazos Union Lodge was Bro. Harvey Mitchell. He was born in Giles County, Tenn., April 9, 1821, and was reared there until the age of 18. At this time his parents bade him goodbye and Godspeed. According to the publication of Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas, he joined a company of young men and came to Texas overland with emigrant wagons, reaching old Tinninville, Robertson County, in the fall of 1839, where he joined Capt. Eli Chandler's Company of "Minute Men" and remained in the frontier military service under Capt. Chandler and Wm. M. Love until Jan., 1842. Their headquarters were at Tinninville and they operated between Trinity and Brazos Rivers. The service of this company consisted in excursions from river to river in search of Indian marauders, who often would scalp a white man and carry his wife and children away.

Brazos County having been created and organized and by invitation Mr. Mitchell moved his residence to old Booneville, January 1st, 1842, to take charge of the County Clerk's Office as deputy and act as amanuensis and do all the officer work for all the county officials. During this time he hired out as a school teacher at \$20.00 per month to augment his meager salary. He was married in 1888 and issued his own license.

He continued selling goods, trading in land and livestock and running all county offices until 1853, and in 1855 he moved to Red Top (now Benchley) and engaged extensively in land and merchandising business. He moved back to Booneville in 1863.

He was instrumental in building three courthouses, churches, schools, and in developing Brazos County and Bryan. There being no lawyer for a number of years, he wrote deeds, abstracts, etc., and settled disputes. For a number of years he held all the county offices—but never ran for office. He also performed marriage ceremonies.

His crowning joy and achievement was his successful effort in securing the location in his county of the A. & M. College of Texas. It was the highest ambition of his life.

The State Senator from Brazos County, Honorable W. A. Saylor, Judge Spencer Ford and Mr. Harvey Mitchell were selected at a mass meeting held in Bryan to meet the commissioners on the day fixed and if possible secure the award. Accordingly, Senator Saylor and Mr. Mitchell went down to Houston a few days in advance. Judge Ford did not go and Mr. Saylor went on to Galveston, leaving Mr. Mitchell to wrestle with powerful competitors for the award—San Antonio, Austin, Waco and other prominent and wealthy places.

But he managed to learn what bonus his people would have to raise to secure the prize, which was so great that he feared it was beyond his reach. He wired Mayor Downward for instructions, but none came, and nerved with the excitement of desperation, he resolved to act on his own responsibility, and proceeded to write out a bid offering the necessary bonus, which was accepted on condition that he would have perfect titles to the land (2,250 acres, which he had previously shown them) presented within 48 hours.

He was enroute to New York to spend the summer, but boarded the first train back to Bryan, reported what he had done, and with the help of other citizens, mainly that of Honorable John N. Henderson, and M. W. McCraw, money was raised, the lands bought and deeds to same secured and delivered to the commissioners within the time specified. He is often referred to as the Father of Brazos County.

Excerpts from Early Minutes of the Lodge

At its meeting held June 4, 1854, a committee from Brazos Union Lodge was appointed to collect funds due this Lodge from Gillespie Lodge No. 55. It was agreed that, in lieu of cash, a note was to be drawn bearing ten per cent interest. Gillespie Lodge No. 55 had been meeting in Booneville prior to its removal to another community. The amount of money due Brazos Union Lodge was not specified.

At a meeting on April 7, 1854, the building committee was discharged.

Meeting, August 12, 1854, a committee was appointed to contact for the making of a Secretary's table and three candle stands and procure a sword for this Lodge.

At its meeting December 8, 1854, the following officers were elected: H. Mitchell, W. M.; Wilson Reed, S. W.; Hugh R. Henry, J. W.; Robert Johnson, Secretary; James I. Bowman, Treasurer; Wm. G. Wilson, Tiler; Wm. C. Boyles, appointed S. D.; A. B. Mullins, appointed J. D.; and H. Bowman, Steward.

These officers were duly installed by Bro. H. Mitchell, who installed himself by naming a Brother as proxy, at the meeting December 27, 1854.

At its meeting January 27, 1855, a building committee was appointed to audit and settle accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, to select a suitable site for a building, reporting their findings at next regular meeting. The committee was G. B. Reed, Wilson Reed, Wm. M. McIntosh, W. C. Broyles, Wm. G. Wilson. This committee was made a standing committee at the next meeting, March 3, 1855.

Meeting, April 28, 1855, on motion it was ordered that the hall about to be erected be placed at right angle lengthwise from the street. The Worshipful Master, after delivering a lecture to the Lodge, appointed an Executive Committee: W. M. Rector, I. J. Bowman, Robert Johnson, G. B. Reed, and George Higgs.

Meeting, September 22, 1855, Brazos Union Lodge No. 129 met in their new building at Booneville.

Special meeting, September 23, 1855; motion made that Secretary of Lodge execute the note of the Lodge to the contractors for building of hall for balance due, bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent and made payable on the first day of January, 1856. The Building Committee then made a report of their acceptance of the hall, which report was accepted and committee discharged.

December 22, 1855, J. P. Mitchell was elected Worshipful Master and Past Master Harvey Mitchell was appointed Senior Deacon.

A public installation of the officers for the ensuing year was held December 27, 1855.

At this meeting a motion was made and carried that the lower room of the Hall be appropriated for the use of a school and also that of public worship.

On motion, Bro. Harvey Mitchell was appointed to call on Gillespie Lodge No. 55 for \$300.00, which said Lodge is indebted to Brazos Union Lodge and receipt them for same.

November 6, 1856. Election of Officers. Wm. McIntosh was elected W. M. Public Installation December 27, 1856.

December 26, 1857. Wm. McIntosh was also elected as delegate to Grand Lodge at Waco for meeting in January, 1858.

Public installation again held December 28, 1857.

Early Days of Brazos Union Lodge

In the early days of Brazos Union Lodge every few months an Executive Committee was appointed. This committee, it appears, was to report any complaints about the behavior of Masons.

Masonry, public schools and the Church worked hand in hand in the early days, and Brazos Union Lodge was used by all three of these organizations for a meeting place.

It is rather co-incidental that Brazos Union Lodge and our public schools system are both celebrating their Centennial in 1954. Also that after nearly 100 years Masonry has again awakened to the importance of public schools in Texas, and each year proclamations are issued by the Governor of the State and the Grand Master, designating a week for public school visitations by all people to view "Democracy in Action" and to help in any way possible to keep these schools on high levels. This back to school movement was started in 1951 by Grand Master Burris.

In 1845 the Grand Lodge gave local Lodges power to erect buildings for learning and to "sell and convey same at pleasure." Often the school room was the ground floor of the Lodge hall. Then in 1847 the Grand Lodge set aside 10 per cent of its income for education. The next year at its annual meeting the Lodge appointed a Superintendent of Education.

The first Masonic school in Texas was the Masonic Collegiate Institute at Fanthrope, in Grimes County, in 1842. This school was sold to the Episcopal Church in 1851 with a stipulation that Masons would have five free scholarships annually. Other schools were established at Marshall and San Augustine. The one at Marshall had 90 pupils in 1853 and was continued until 1901. The school at San Augustine was established in the

early 50's and offered classes to both men and women and conferred scholastic degrees. By 1880 there were some 47 of these Masonic schools.

It was the Legislature of 1854 and 1855, comprised mostly of Masons, that put into effect the general provisions of the constitutional Convention of 1845 on public free schools. In 1854 the State Legislature appointed its State Treasurer ex officio superintendent of common schools, and created a fund for school purposes, appropriating 10 per cent of its income to the schools.

Since the state took over the public schools, the Masons' educational program has been centered on our Masonic Home and School at Fort Worth.

From this brief outline it is very clear that Masonry has had the lion's share in the development of our public free school system.

It was during the year 1866 that the railroad was extended through Brazos County, and located three miles west of Booneville. The town moved during this year and Bryan became the county seat. The Lodge moved on Bryan Street and rented a building located where the Dr. Pepper Bottling Works is housed. From here the Lodge moved into Brother Sbisá's building, located in the vicinity of the I&GN depot. A short time before the present building was completed, the Lodge was housed over Brother W. E. Saunders' Grocery Store, located on Main St., where the La Salle Hotel is situated.

New Building Erected

Discussions were numerous with reference to erecting a building. At its meeting on September 23, 1907, Brother W. E. Saunders was appointed as a committee of one to select and purchase a suitable lot for the erection of a Temple.

At its meeting, May 24, 1909, Bros. W. E. Saunders, R. W. Howell, and M. H. James were appointed a committee to secure loans from Masons for five to ten years at the rate of 6 per cent interest to raise funds to erect a Temple.

At its meeting January 24, 1910, Bro. W. E. Saunders asked for a new building committee. The Worshipful Master appointed Bros. M. H. James, R. W. Howell, J. W. Batts, W. S. Wilson and O. E. Saunders.

Funds were raised and the present three-story building erected during this year.

Called meeting, June 15, 1910, Bro. W. E. Saunders opened the meeting in the Master's Degree and explained that the meet-

ing was called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone in the new Masonic Temple of Bryan. The gavel was presented to Bro. Geo. D. Neal, acting M. W. Grand Master, and the Lodge was convened as the Grand Lodge of Texas.

P. M. Raysor, R. W. Deputy G. M.; W. E. Saunders, acting R. W. G. S. W.; M. H. James, R. W. G. J. W.; W. S. Wilson, Jr., R. W. G. T.; H. G. Rhodes, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. W. Batts, W. Grand Marshal; J. R. Hartgraves, R. W. Grand Architect. The Lodge then marched to the building, where the cornerstone was laid. Music was rendered by Mesdames J. Webb Howell, W. D. Wilson, H. O. Boatright, and W. C. Davis. Oration of the day was by Bro. T. P. Buffington.

At its meeting, November 28, 1910, Brother H. B. Stoddard was appointed as a committee of one to present each member of the building committee with a parchment expressing the Lodge's appreciation.

At its meeting, December 26, 1910, Lodge voted to accept the new building and to move at once. The Lodge was called off and proceeded to the new building. The officers were: H. B. Stoddard, Acting W. M.; J. D. Martin, S. W.; A. L. Mondrick, J. W.; R. W. Howell, Treas.; P. M. Raysor, Secy.; M. H. James, S. D.; Joseph Gelber, J. D.; and A. B. Sutton, Tiler.

Called meeting, January 10, 1911, for purpose of a report by finance committee, the committee to erect and furnish the building having completed work. The committee reported that \$9,550.00 was borrowed at 8 per cent per annum. Other funds available were:

\$ 2,200.00	from Brazos Union Lodge
1,500.00	from Commandery
512.95	from Chapter
17.00	from Bro. E. J. Fountain

\$13,779.95

Total expenditures were \$13,608.70, leaving a balance of \$171.25. Outstanding indebtedness of Lodge at the time was \$9,550.00 at 8 per cent and a balance of \$889.00 on furniture, totaling \$10,439.00.

A parchment with thanks of the Lodge to the special building committee for their efficient work in erecting the new building was presented in a beautiful but short speech by Bro. H. B. Stoddard to Bros. O. E. Saunders and P. M. Raysor. The third member of the committee, Bro. M. H. James, was absent, but received his parchment on January 23, 1911, at regular stated meeting. Dues were \$6.00 per annum at this time.

At its meeting, January 23, 1912, the committee reported that the contents of the cornerstone of the old building had been placed in the cornerstone of the new building.

At its meeting April 22, 1912, Bro. H. B. Stoddard was appointed a committee of one to confer with the son of Bro. H. Mitchell in regard to cornerstone for Mitchell Hall at A. & M. College, at a cost not to exceed \$50.00.

At its meeting May 27, 1912, a committee of Bros. H. B. Stoddard, W. E. Saunders, P. S. Park, O. E. Saunders, and J. L. Fountain was appointed to meet the Deputy Grand Master at depot on his arrival to officiate in laying the cornerstone of Harvey Mitchell Hall at A. & M. College.

A special meeting was called for Thursday, May 30, 1912, to lay the cornerstone of the Episcopal Church in Bryan.

Our present Masonic Temple has been in constant use since its erection. The ground floor has always been rented for commercial business. The second floor is used by Brazos Union Lodge and the Eastern Star. The third floor is used by the Knights Templar, W. T. Austin Chapter, and Council.

Brazos Union Lodge convened as a Grand Lodge, February 24, 1909, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone for the Engineering Building at A. & M. College. They also convened as a Grand Lodge May 26, 1913, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Dining Hall at A. & M. College.

Our Certificate Men

It was in 1920 during the boom days of Masonry that stress was laid upon conferring degrees correctly. Brothers George A. Long and John Willie Payne journeyed to the Grand Lodge that December and stood examinations for certificates. Schools were started in the esoteric work and practically every year since the Lodge has had members to become certificate men.

The following members now hold certificates: Bros. J. W. Payne and G. A. Long have held certificates since December, 1920, and life certificates since December, 1945. J. D. Benson also holds a life certificates. H. L. Boyer, Wallace H. Byars, A. F. Carson, T. F. Carson,, A. L. Darnell, Will K. Gibbs, J. W. Hall, Bryan W. Hearne, W. C. Higgs, H. Chester Jones, C. K. Leighton, J. H. McWilliams, C. E. Nisbet, J. P. Owens, Edwin F. Rollins, G. B. Vance, W. G. Weaver, J. J. Woolket, and J. L. Fudge.

During this period Degree teams were organized and conferred degrees throughout this Masonic District.

Past or Present Grand Lodge Officers

Members of this Lodge who have held office in the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas are shown below:

Those who served as R. W. District Deputy Grand Masters: J. D. Martin, Sr., A. L. Darnell, W. K. Gibbs, J. W. Hall, G. A. Long, C. K. Leighton, H. L. Boyer, Chester Higgs, J. F. Fudge, and Ivan Langford. J. J. Woolket is the present District Deputy Grand Master.

Those who have served in other capacities:

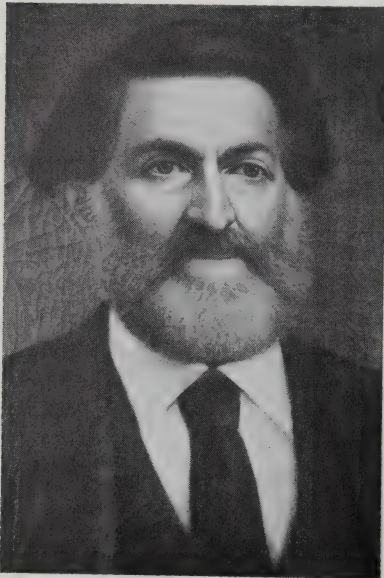
J. J. Woolket, acting Grand Secretary, summer of 1952.

J. J. Woolket, Rt. W. Grand Senior Deacon, 1950.

H. L. Boyer, Rt. W. Grand Junior Steward, 1950.

H. L. Boyer, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, 1952.

In the erection of King Solomon's Temple, there were three columns more conspicuous than the others. These columns were denominated Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. There are three pictures of Past Masters that adorn the walls of our Lodge. These Brethren are perhaps the three most outstanding Masons Brazos Union Lodge has produced; therefore, I draw this comparison with the columns.

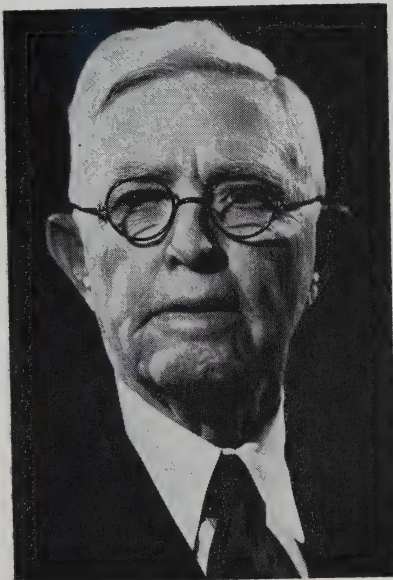
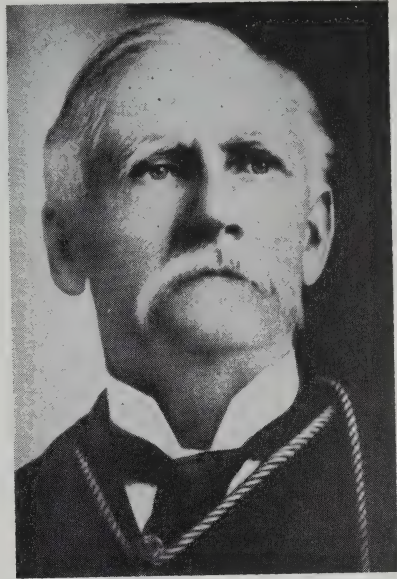


The Column of Wisdom represents Brother Harvey Mitchell, the first Worshipful Master of Brazos Union Lodge. He had the wisdom to contrive and organize the Lodge and was indeed a most influential person, not only in Masonry, but to his county, state, and nation.

He served Masonry many years and was Worshipful Master eight different years.

The Column of Strength represents Brother H. B. Stoddard, who was born in Essex County, New York, January 22, 1840, and came to Texas in 1860. He entered the Confederate Army as a private in 1861 and served during the war, being paroled in May, 1865, at Jackson, Miss as a Captain. In the Texas Volunteer Guard from 1880 to 1885 and Brig. General from 1885 to 1893. Grand Master, Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., 1901-1904.

Appointed "A Knight Commander of the United Orders" by His Majesty King Edward VIII in 1904 in London, England. He was elected Worshipful Master twice.



The column of Beauty represents Brother J. D. Martin, Sr., who was born in Brazos County, March 27, 1875.

Brother Martin has been an ardent Mason for many years. His character has been that of beauty, always ready and happy to help any Brother Mason. He perhaps has helped more people in more ways than any other living person in Brazos County. His life has indeed been unselfish and he has lived, as it were, to benefit others. He was Master of the Lodge two different years.

Centennial Meeting

Called meeting of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, A. F. & A. M., held in the Lodge room at Bryan, Texas, on January 21, 1954.

The Charter of this Lodge is dated January 21, 1854—100 years ago today. Therefore, this meeting was called on this day to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary, and also to honor its Past Masters.

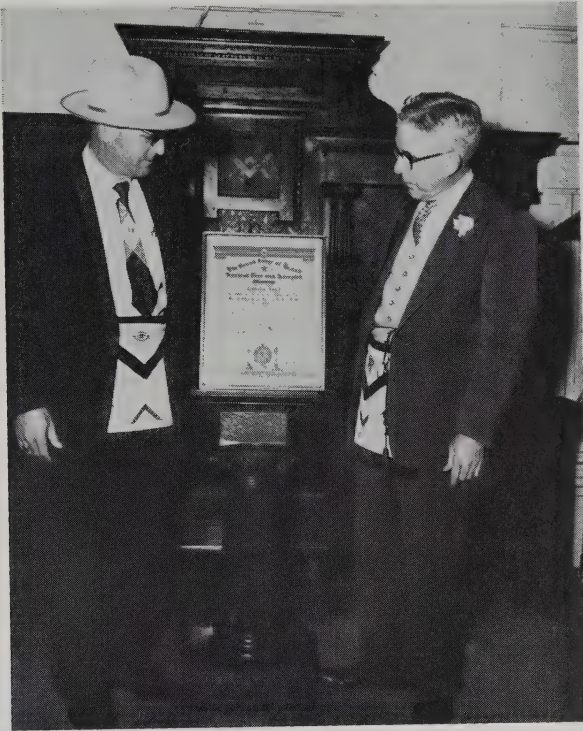
Dinner was served from 6 to 7 P. M., and over one hundred Master Masons were present.

After the Lodge was opened the Worshipful Master called the roll of all Past Masters, and those present were presented in the East and recognized.



Past Masters Present at Centennial Meeting, January 21, 1954

Reading left to right: Top row: T. F. Carson, M. M. Erskine, A. L. Darnell, W. C. Higgs, G. A. Long, J. W. Hall, W. F. Davis. Lower row: W. H. Byars, G. B. Vance, W. K. Gibbs, A. F. Carson, A. B. Syptak, J. F. Fudge.



H. Chester Jones, Worshipful Master, and Will K. Gibbs, Secretary, hold Grand Lodge Centennial Award.

From its beginning, one hundred years ago, with twelve Masons applying to the M.·W.·Grand Lodge for a Charter,, the membership has steadily increased, until today we have 536 members.

Brazos Union Lodge has always, been and still is, a very active Lodge, and its members have had the leading and most important parts in developing this county.

Thus we close the history of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, A. F. & A. M., with a list of officers and members as of now, the birthday of its Centennial.

Membership

As of January 21, 1954

BRAZOS UNION LODGE NO. 129

BRYAN, TEXAS

OFFICERS

H. Chester Jones	W. M.
Bryan W. Hearne	S. W.
J. P. Owens	J. W.
J. H. Beard.....	Treasurer
Will K. Gibbs	Secretary
R. C. Cloud	Chaplain
Edwin F. Rollins	S. D.
I. H. Nash	J. D.
W. G. Weaver	S. S.
J. H. McWilliams	J. S.
T. F. Carson	Tiler

MEMBERS

- Abercrombie, C. M.
 Adams, Winton B.
 Adcock, Q. W.
 Aden, D. E.
 Akin, Manuel
 Aldridge, E. E.
 Alexander, E. R.
 Allen, B. C.
 Allison, U. S.
 Andrews, C. L.
 Armstrong, R. C.
 Armstrong, R. V.
 Armstrong, W. H.
 Armstrong, W. N.
 Ashworth, O. A.
 Atkins, H. L., Jr.
 Atmar, C. L.
 Ayers, Charles F.
- Bachus, W. O.
 Bagley, J. B.
 Bare, J. H.
 Barnett, H. L.
 Barron, W. S.
 Batts, J. W.
 Beal, Jacob B.
 Beard, Billie E.
 Beard, J. H.
 Bechert, F. J.
 Bellamy, W. D.
 Belsher, H. E.
 Benning, L. R.
 Benson, J. D.
 Berdine, Robert L.
 Berdine, T. L.
 Bethany, C. M.
 Bethel, W. V.
 Bimmerman, H. G.
 Bird, Col. Byron
 Birdwell, M. J.
 Bittle, Guy M.
 Black, B. A.
 Black, T. H.
 Blackman, H. B.
 Blackwood, H. W.
 Blanton, H. M.
 Blazek, E. J.
 Blazek, W. J.
 Blumenthal, Charles
 Bogan, Early E.
 Boyer, H. L.
 Brandon, G. M.
 Brayton, H. R.
 Brogdon, Mal H.
 Brown, Frank B., Jr.
 Bryan, Travis B.
 Buchanan, Raymond B.
- Buchanan, Robert J.
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 Bulin, E. R.
 Bullock, E. W.
 Bunting, W. D.
 Burks, Jack
 Burnett, R. E.
 Burns, John C.
 Burns, L. L.
 Burr, J. B.
 Burt, F. A.
 Bush, E. H.
 Butler, R. B.
 Butler, R. W.
 Byars, Wallace H.
 Byrom, M. H.
- Caldwell, Will H.
 Capps, C. C.
 Gargill, Howard W.
 Cariker, Wilbert E.
 Carlson, Arthur
 Carlton, R. A.
 Carmichael, William R.
 Carroll, J. G.
 Carroll, J. Parker
 Carruthers, R. L.
 Carson, Arvil F.
 Carson, C. R.
 Carson, T. F.
 Carter, J. R.
 Casey, J. F.
 Cashell, James B.
 Cather, H. M.
 Chance, G. G.
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 Chatham, R. K.
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 Christian, J. B.
 Christian, J. B., Jr.
 Clark, Will T.
 Cloud, R. C.
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 Cofer, D. B., Jr.
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 Cole, Ransom J.
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- Cooper, W. T.
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 Cowart, Robert B.
 Cox, J. D.
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- Dabbs, O. D.
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 Dibble, F. W.
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- Eden, Noble W.
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- Feaster, Gresson
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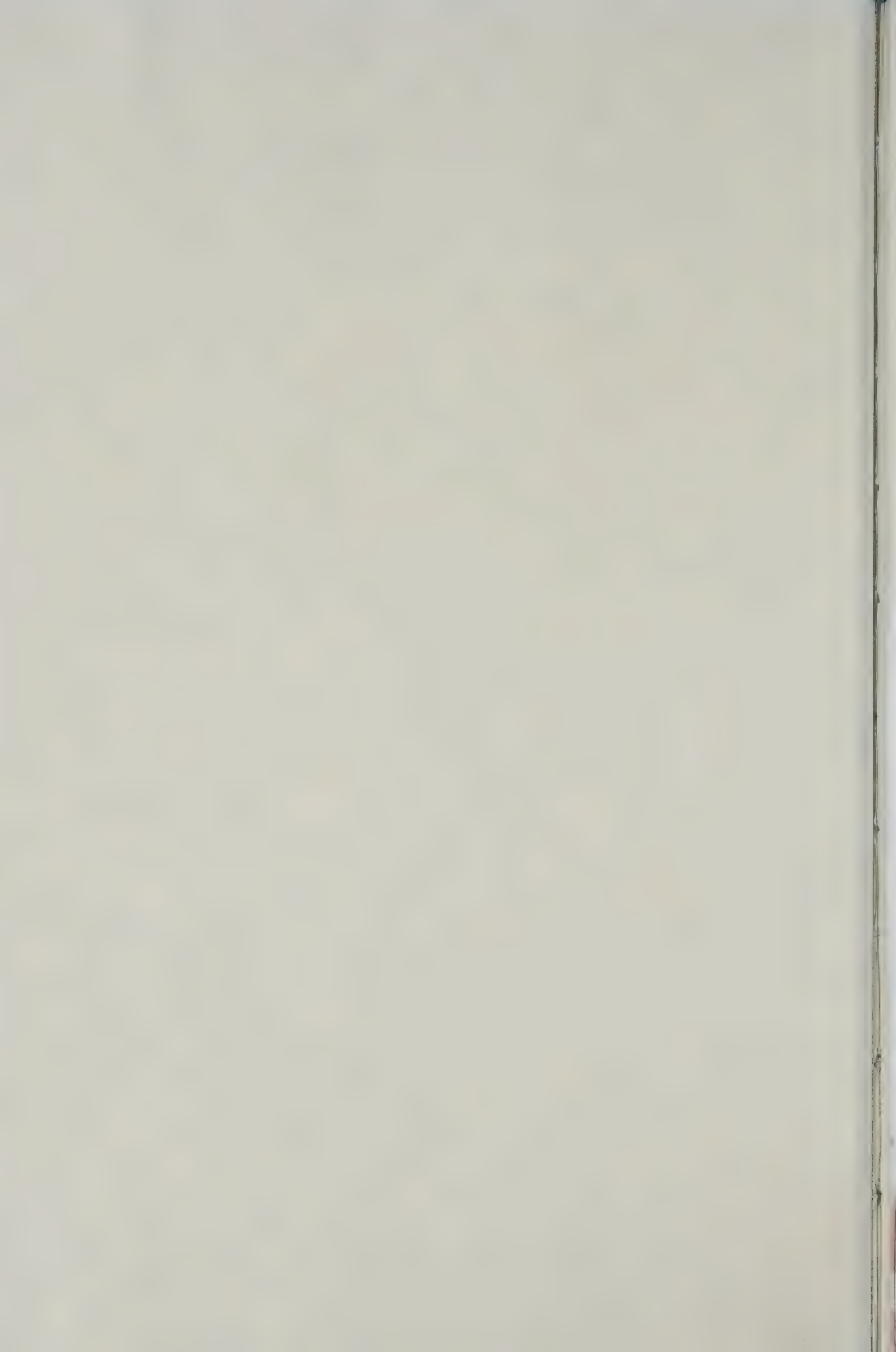
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